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SUBJECT: BIOS ON CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) LEADERS TO
MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

1. MEMBERS OF PDC WHO ARE TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY
TODMAN ARE: DOLOFO REY PRENDES, HECTOR DADA, MARIO ZAMORA, AND
POSSIBLY OVIDIO HERNANDEZ, IF LATTER DOES NOT ATTEND, PABLO
MAURICIO ALVERGUE WILL TAKE HIS PLACE. THE FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF
BIO SKETCHES.

2. JULIO ALDOLFO REY PRENDES - WAS BORN IN 1932, EDUCATED IN
THE U.S. (TULANE) AND UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR (LAW). HE
IS LONG-TIME PDC DEPUTY IN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. HAS GENERALLY
BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH MORE RADICAL WING OF PDC, BUT IS
GENERALLY MODERATE IN WHAT HE HAS SAID TO EMBASSY OFFICERS.
WAS SEVERE CRITIC OF U.S. INTERVENTION IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.
NOW SECRETARY GENERAL OF PDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND GENERALLY
RECOGNIZED AS HEAD OF PDC. HE PREFERS TO SPEAK SPANISH, BUT
SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY.

3. HECTOR DADA MIREZI IS SECRETARY OF STUDIES ON THE
PDC'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HE IS AN ENGINEER, ECONOMIST,
AND PROFESSOR AT THE PRIVATE, JESUIT-RUN JOSE SIMEON
CANAS CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (UCA). HE WAS TWICE
ELECTED CITY COUNCILMAN FOR SAN SALVADOR (1964 AND 1970)
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AND SERVED TWO TERMS AS DEPTUY IN THE LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY 1966-70). HE WAS A PDC WHIP IN THE SASSEMBLY
DURING HIS SECOND TERM AND INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING THE
PDC TO ADOPT A MODERATE STANCE CONCERNING THE EL SALVADOR-
HONDURAS BORDER DISPUTE. HE SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH BUT PREFERS
TO SPEAK SPANISH.

4. MARIO ZAMORA RIVAS IS A MEMBER OF THE PDC'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE PDC. A LAWYER, HE WAS ELECTED TO THREE TERMS AS DEPUTY IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN 1970, 1972 AND 1974. HE HAS SERVED AS PDC SECRETARY FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH (1971-72), PROPAGANDA SECRETARY (1972-74), AND AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (1974-75). HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEFTIST WING OF THE PDC BUT HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL TO EMBASSY OFFICERS. SPEAKS ONLY SPANISH.

5. JOSE OVIDIO HERNANDEZ DELGADO IS SECRETARY OF FINANCES ON THE PDC'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AN ENGINEER, HE SERVED AS A DEPUTY IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (FIRST ELECTED IN 1968) AND BECAME LEADER OF PDC LEGISLATIVE FACTION IN 1970. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS A LEADER OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH AND AS TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR ORGANIZATION ON THE PDC'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HE HAS MOSTLY BEEN ALIGNED WITH MODERATE FACTION OF PDC. HE SPEAKS A LITTLE ENGLISH BUT PREFERS TO SPEAK SPANISH.

6. PABLO MAURICIO ALVERGUE IS A MEMBER OF THE PDC'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE. A LAWYER, ALVERGUE HAS ALSO BEEN A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR. HE SERVED AS A DEPUTY FOR SAN SALVADOR IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FROM 1964-1968 AND 1970-1972. HE HAS BEEN PDC SECRETARY GENERAL 1971-72), SECRETARY FOR ORGANIZATION (1972-73), AND SECRETARY CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR DOCTRINE (1973-75). WHILE OCCASIONALLY CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICIES, HE IS, CN GENERUL, FAVORABLY ORIENTED TOWARD THE U.S HE WAS A LEADER GRANTEE IN 1974. HE SPEAKS ONLY SPANISH.
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